

## JULIETTE NUNEZ.

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Mr. BURNHAM, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

### REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4773.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4773) granting a pension to Juliette Nunez, have examined the same and report:

Juliette Nunez, the beneficiary under this bill, is the widow of Joseph A. Nunez, late major and additional paymaster, United States Volunteers, who served for over four years during the war, having entered the service June 1, 1861, and being honorably discharged and mustered out November 15, 1865, and who was pensioned by special act at the rate of \$25 per month during the first session of the Fifty-seventh Congress, the report from the Senate Committee on Pensions being in part as follows:

Major Nunez, who is now 79 years of age, is receiving a pension of \$12 per month under the act of June 27, 1890. His disabilities are rheumatism and senility. His medical examination, made at New York City August 4, 1897, shows that he is wholly unable to perform manual labor. He suffers from chronic rheumatism, walks slowly with a cane and in a stooping posture, and is very feeble.

Major Nunez is a lawyer, but through infirmity is incapable of practicing his profession. He has no income, but depends on such compensation for literary work as he may find marketable; but this, on account of his age and infirmities, is becoming more limited and precarious, and he has a wife and family to support.

In view of the foregoing circumstances and the officer's long and faithful services, your committee are of opinion that the small increase of pension provided in this bill may very properly be granted.

Major Nunez died February 22, 1903, leaving nothing in the way of property or resources. Mrs. Nunez, whose post-office address is 576 Seventh street, Brooklyn, N. Y., is well advanced in years, in delicate health, and absolutely destitute and penniless. She was married to the soldier about the close of the war. She can not prove that her husband's death was caused by wound or disease incurred during his military service; hence this appeal to Congress.

Your committee are of opinion that the relief asked for should be granted, and accordingly report the bill back favorably with a recommendation that it pass.